

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Thermal pre-ignition agents containing from 10 to 90 wt. %, preferably from 25 to 75 wt. %, particularly preferably from 40 to 60 wt.%, dipicrylaminoethyl nitrate and from 10 to 90 wt. %, preferably from 25 to 75 wt. %, particularly preferably from 40 to 60 wt. %, of an ~~oxidising~~ oxidizing agent.

2. (Currently Amended) Thermal pre-ignition agents containing from 10 to 90 wt. %, preferably from 10 to 50 wt.%, particularly preferably from 10 to 30 wt. %, dipicrylaminoethyl nitrate, from 10 to 90 wt. %, preferably from 10 to 60 wt. %, particularly preferably from 20 to 40 wt. %, of a nitrogen-containing compound and from 10 to 90 wt. %, preferably from 25 to 75 wt. %, particularly preferably from 40 to 60 wt. %, of an ~~oxidising~~ oxidizing agent.

3. (Currently Amended) Thermal pre-ignition agents according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterised characterized in that the ~~oxidising~~ oxidizing agent is selected from one or more of the nitrates of the alkali and/or alkaline earth metals and/or of ammonium, of the perchlorates of the alkali and/or alkaline earth metals and/or of ammonium, of the peroxides of the alkaline earth metals and/or of zinc.

4. (Currently Amended) Thermal pre-ignition agents according to claim 2 ~~to 3~~, characterised characterized in that the nitrogen-containing compound is selected from one or more of nitroguanidine, nitroaminoguanidine,

nitrotriazolone, derivatives of tetrazole and/or salts thereof, nitraminotetrazole and/or its salts, aminoguanidine nitrate, diaminoguanidine nitrate, triaminoguanidine nitrate, guanidine nitrate, dicyandiamidine nitrate, diaminoguanidine azotetrazolate.

5. (Currently Amended) Thermal pre-ignition agents according to one or more of ~~claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that they contain from 1 to 80 wt. %, preferably from 1 to 40 wt. %, particularly preferably from 1 to 15 wt. %, of a reducing agent, preferably selected from one or more of aluminum, titanium, titanium hydride, boron, boron hydride, zirconium, zirconium hydride, silicon, graphite, activated carbon, carbon black.

6. (Currently Amended) Thermal pre-ignition agents according to one or more of ~~claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that they contain from 1 to 80 wt. %, preferably from 1 to 40 wt. %, particularly preferably from 1 to 20 wt. %, of a binder, preferably selected from one or more of cellulose and derivatives thereof, polyvinylbutyrals, polynitropolyphenylene, polynitrophenyl ether, Plexigum, polyvinyl acetate and copolymers.

7. (Currently Amended) Thermal pre-ignition agents according to one or more of ~~claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that they contain from 10 to 80 wt. %, preferably from 10 to 50 wt. %, particularly preferably from 10 to 30 wt.%, high-energy additives, preferably selected from one or more of hexogen, octogen and nitrocellulose.

8. (Currently Amended) Thermal pre-ignition agents according to one

or more of ~~claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that they contain from 0.1 to 20 wt. %, preferably from 0.1 to 10 wt. %, combustion moderators and processing aids, preferably selected from one or more of ferrocene and derivatives thereof, acetonylacetates, salicylates, silicates, silica gels and boron nitride.

9. (Currently Amended) Use of a thermal pre-ignition agent according to one or more of ~~claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1 as a thermal fuse in gas generators for motor vehicle safety systems.